Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Samuel Davis VAS3304 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

State of Virginia: Campbell County to wit: [13 April 1847]

I Thomas P. Franklin [S8517] do hereby Certify that I was intimately acquainted with Samuel Davis in the War of the Revolution and recollect distinctly that in the Spring of 1776 the said Samuel Davis enlisted in the Virginia Continental line, under Capt. Terrell [Henry Terrell VAS2184], and was attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment. He was in the service altogether upwards of three years. I am in the 84th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution, and now a Pensioner of the United States. Test/ Charles [undeciphered]

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To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Samuel Davis, deceased, late a private of the Virginia Continental lin, in the War of the Revolution: Respectfully sheweth:

That the said Samuel Davis in the year 1776 enlisted under Captain Terrill to serve for the period of three years, in the Virginia Continental line, and was attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment. That the said Samuel Davis, as a private, served faithfully the full term for which he enlisted and was honorably discharged from service. All of which will fully appear from the Army Records of the time, and the accompanying certificates of competent and credible persons who had an opportunity of knowing the fact.

Your Memorialist farther state, that said Samuel Davis in his life time never applied for, or has drawn a Warrant for his Bounty Land, promised by the State of Virginia: nor have his Heirs, since his death, applied for or received the same.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly pray, that your Excellency will grant them a Warrant for the usual quantity of Land allowed to a Private of the Virginia Continental line for the service of three years, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such cases made and provided. And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c [20 April 1847] Nancy Moon

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the [undeciphered] day of October 1785, in the name of Samuel Davis as a Soldier of Infantry for £35.1.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Capt. Rice and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 22nd day of June 1848. Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

There are four of this name on the Books.